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 the whole TRUTH,  
 and nothing but the TRUTH,  
 SO HELP ME GOD!

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• Matthew 5:33-37  
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• New Testament Law #1  
 Manage Anger!!!

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• New Testament Law #2  
 Control Lust!!!

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• New Testament Law #3  
 Stay Faithful!!!

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• New Testament Law #4

**Be Honest!!!**

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Matthew 5:17-20

**For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.**

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• Context –

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A reference to Old Testament Law

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Leviticus 19:12

**Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.**

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• Numbers 30:1-2

**Moses said to the heads of the tribes of Israel: This is what the LORD commands: When a man makes a vow to the LORD or takes an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.**

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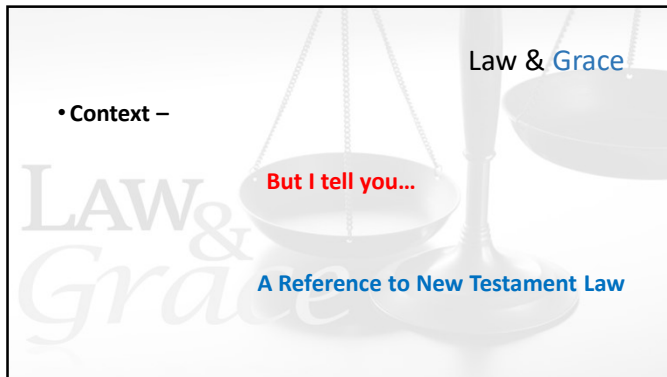
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Deuteronomy 23:21-23

**If you make a vow to the LORD your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the LORD your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin. But if you refrain from making a vow, you will not be guilty. Whatever your lips utter you must be sure to do, because you made your vow freely to the LORD your God with your own mouth.**

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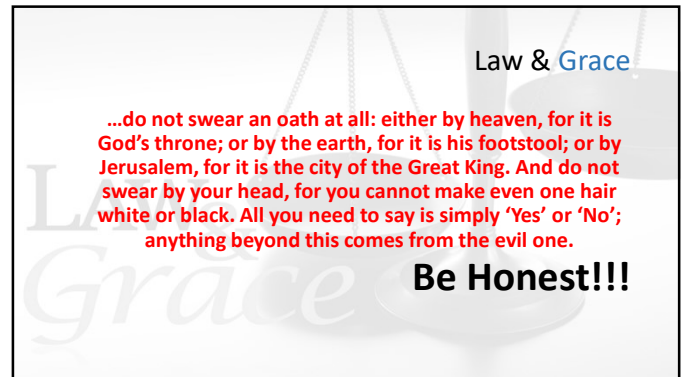
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**But I tell you...**

A Reference to New Testament Law

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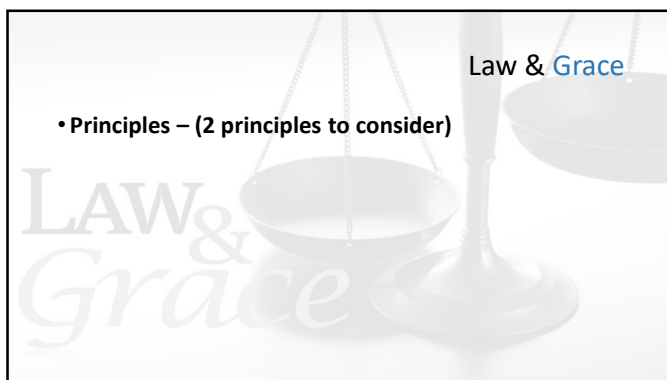


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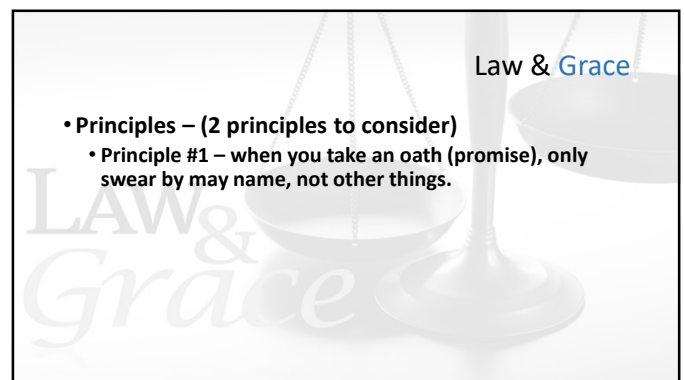
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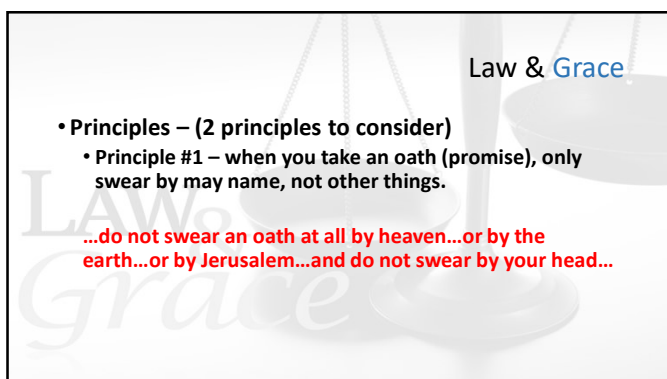
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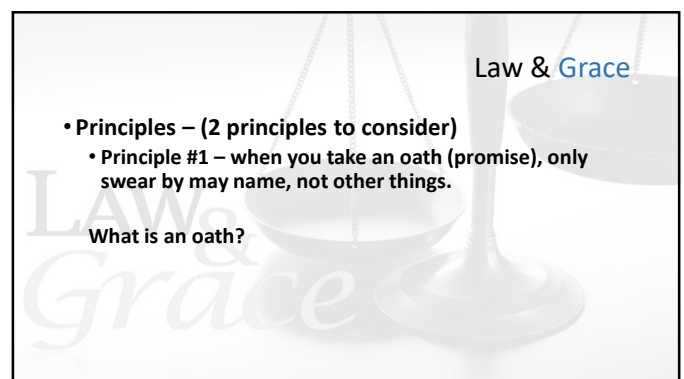


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What is an oath?  
A significant and unique promise  
Example - Marriage

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Why is swearing by God's name so critical?  
• Because God's glory is now involved

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Exodus 33:18-20

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory."

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And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

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- Genesis 22:15-17

The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore.

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- Isaiah 65:16

Whoever invokes a blessing in the land will do so by the one true God; whoever takes an oath in the land will swear by the one true God.

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- Matthew 12:34-37

You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.

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- Matthew 15:18

But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart...

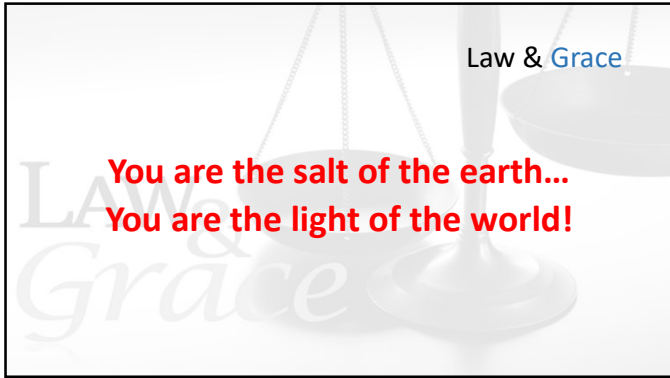
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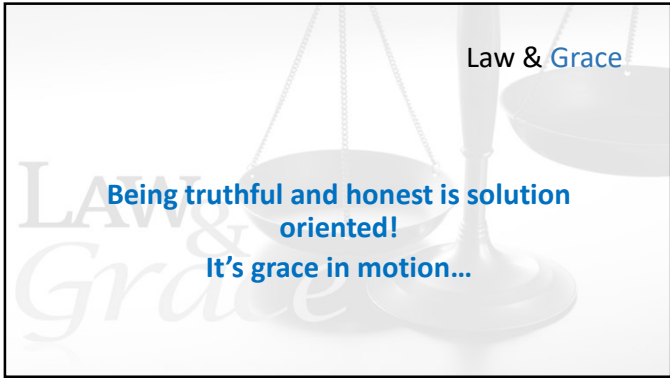
- Hebrews 6:16

People swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged.

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